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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: CUSTOMS- TO- CUSTOMS PROGRAM

DEPT PLEASE PASS CUSTOMS FOR ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
GLEN DICKERSON

REF: A. STATE 103359, JUNE 10, 1972; B. STATE 62147

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES RECEIPT OF REFTEL B. WE HAVE
NOT MADE ANY COMMITMENT FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE TO
GOM (SEE PARA 2 REFTEL B), ALTHOUGH SUBJECT HAS BEEN
UNDER LONG AND ACTIVE DISCUSSION.

2. AS EMBASSY WAS ADVISED IN REFTEL A THAT CUSTOMS
ANTICIPATED PROVIDING SOME \$130,000 WORTH OF EQUIPMENT,
SOUNDINGS WERE TAKEN TO DETERMINE GOM INTEREST IN A
CUSTOMS- TO- CUSTOMS PROGRAM. ALTHOUGH INITIALLY COOL TO IDEA,
GOM FINALLY AGREED TO VISIT BY ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER DICKERSON
IN OCTOBER 1972
TO EXPLORE MOST DESIRABLE SHAPE SUCH A PROGRAM MIGHT TAKE.
DESIRABILITY OF INCREASING MEXICAN EFFECTIVENESS THROUGH
ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION CAPABILITIES
REFERRED TO NCAP WAS MUTUALLY PERCEIVED AT THAT TIME.

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3. AS FOLLOW- UP TO DICKERSON VISIT, MEXICANS AGREED TO US CUSTOMS SUGGESTION FOR JOINT SURVEY OF NEEDS AND CAPACITIES OF MEXICAN CUSTOMS SERVICE. DURING DECEMBER MEETING BETWEEN SURVEY TEAM AND TREASURY UNDERSECRETARY ENRIQUE CARDENAS GONZALEZ, LATTER EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT USG COULD FINANCE PART OF RADIO EQUIPMENT. ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER DICKERSON EARLIER HAD INDICATED TO EMBASSY OFFICIALS THAT US CUSTOMS SHOULD BE ABLE TO HELP ON SOME OF ITEMS (MEXICO'S 5759 AND STATE 193160 OF OCTOBER 1972). LIKEWISE, MEXICAN REQUEST WOULD SEEM TO BE CONSISTENT WITH EARLIER PLANNED PROGRAM REFERRED TO IN REFTEL A.

4. CUSTOMS ATTACHE ADAMS WAS APPROACHED ONCE AGAIN ON MARCH 16 BY UNDERSECRETARY CUSTOMS TO ASK IF USG MIGHT FINANCE AIRPLANE RADIO ITEM. ADAMS, OF COURSE, DEMURRED.

5. CUSTOMS ATTACHE ADAMS RECOMMENDS THAT USG FINANCE PURCHASE OF 10 KING NAV- COM RADIOS, MODEL KX-170 A, FOR USE BY MEXICAN CUSTOMS. ESTIMATED INSTALLED COST OF EACH OF THESE UNITS WITH COMPATIBLE MOTOROLA PT-400 UNIT OR EQUIVALENT WOULD BE \$2700. TOTAL PACKAGE COST THUS APPROXIMATELY \$27,000.

6. EMBASSY NARCOTICS CONTROL COMMITTEE ENDORSES THIS RECOMMENDATION.

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